

Update Report on Implementation of Statewide Clinical Information Exchange

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Since October 15, 2008, the Utah Health Information Network's (UHIN) statewide clinical health information exchange (cHIE) project has chosen a nationally recognized vendor to partner - Axolotl - in the creation of the cHIE. A sustainable business model has been developed, a patient consent model has been developed, the technical infrastructure and core applications have been installed.

The UHIN Board of Directors has decided to begin the initial implementation of the cHIE in two geographical areas: the Box Elder/Cache County area and the Moab area (see attached figure: Overview cHIE 2009 Roll Out). UHIN staff members have conducted in-depth interviews with nearly 100% of the physicians and key data sources (hospitals and labs) in these areas. The attached power point summarizes their findings.

There is a high level of interest in both areas to join and work with the cHIE. UHIN staff members are working with the identified EMR vendors to connect to the cHIE. EMR vendors may be requesting payment to make this connection; UHIN is considering looking for funds to help defray this expense. Approximately 1/3 of the physicians do not have EMRs and would consider using the EMR that is part of the Axolotl (cHIE Strategic Partner) tool set that is available to UHIN members.

The administrative rule R380-70 Standards for Electronic Exchange of Clinical Health Information became effective in January 2009. The State of Utah adopted its first clinical message standards for exchanges of clinical laboratory results through the UHIN cHIE system.

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